In the

Supreme Court of the United States

MELVIN KNIGHT

Petitioner

V.

COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA Respondent

On Petition for Writ of Certiorari To the Supreme Court of Pennsylvania

MOTION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME TO FILE RESPONSE TO PETITION FOR WRIT OF CERTIORARI

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The Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, by and through the District Attorney of Westmoreland County and Leo J. Ciaramitaro, Assistant District Attorney, respectfully requests an extension of time for filing of the Response to Petition for Writ of Certiorari and in support thereof avers as follows:

- 1. Respondent, the Commonwealth has received notification that its response is due July 19, 2021.
- 2. Due to the District Attorney and Assistant District Attorneys' schedules involving preliminary hearings, pre-trial motions and trial backlogs there has not been adequate time to prepare Respondent's response and a second extension of time in which to file its response is requested of this Honorable Court.
- 3. The Commonwealth would request a 60 day extension of time for submitting its response in this matter.
- 4. Marc Bookman, counsel for Respondent consents to this extension of time.

WHEREFORE, the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania respectfully requests an extension of time to file its response for 60 days.

Respectfully submitted,

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